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Pennell House  
Seguin, Texas.

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BAXTER-FENNEL HOME  
Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas.

Owner: Mrs. Eugene Tips, Seguin, Texas.

Date of Erection: About 1851

Architect: Unknown

Builder: W. C. Baxter

Present Condition: Excellent

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Frame of white pine, oak and walnut.

Other Existing Records: Original deed in possession of Mrs. Tips.

Additional Data:

This two story house, built of wood frame construction, is very decidedly Colonial in design. The floor joists of hand hewn oak brought from Coliad. Roof is pitched about six to twelve, was originally covered with hand split cypress shingles, but now covered with corrugated galvanized iron. At each end is a large, ornamental brick chimney. In the front and on the West side there are entrance porches with flat roofs and wood railings. All interior woodwork is of oak or walnut.

Originally the house contained four rooms and a stair hall on each floor, but it has been added to from time to time as is evidenced by the two lean-to additions on the North (rear).

The late Dr. J.D. Fennell, the present owner's father, was born in the house during the Civil War, while his father was serving as surgeon in the medical corps of the Confederate Army in Virginia. Dr. J.D. Fennell Sr. saw active service at Manassas in the Battle of Bull Run.

The birth of this son fulfilled the "legend" of the four old live oak trees which still stand in the yard, three on one side of the front walk and one by itself on the other side. And, in due time, as the old trees "prophecised", three daughters were born, in succession, and then one son.

This property has remained in possession of heirs of the Fennell family since its acquisition by Dr. J.D. Fennell Sr. in 1860.

All information contained herein was received from Mrs. Eugene C. Tips,  
present owner and occupant of Seguin, Texas.

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